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Applicant: William Michael Lafferty Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/894,956 Examiner: Betty J. Forman
Filed: June 27, 2001 Conf. No.: 7268
Title: CAPILLARY ARRAY-BASED SAMPLE SCREENING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

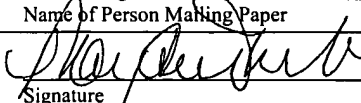
Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, please consider the following remarks and amendments:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page three of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page five of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, January 20, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22331-1450.	
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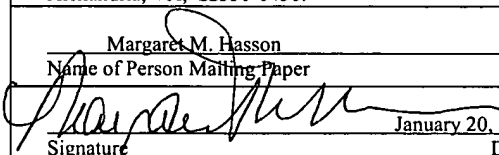
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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Response to Office Action (12 pages);
2. Return Receipt Postcard.

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Applicant(s) claim **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application.

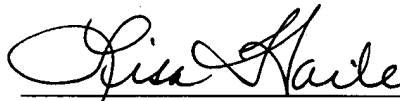
The Fee for this Response is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	11	43	0	x \$09	x \$18	\$.00
Independent Claims	1	9	0	x \$43	x \$86	\$.00
Multiple Claims				\$145	\$290	\$.00
Basic Filing Fee				\$385	\$770	\$.00
					TOTAL FEE	\$.00

No fee is believed due in connection with this Response to Office Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 20, 2004



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